



Title | On Being Fruitful
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 15:1-11
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Sermon Notes

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

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Big Idea:

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John 15:8

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read John 15:1-11. In what ways does the vine word picture summarize what Jesus had already taught that evening, recorded in chapters 13 and 14? For example, compare John 13:34 and John 15:9; John 13:35 and John 15:8; John 14:13-14 and John 15:7; John 14:15, 21 and John 15:10.

Tuesday:

From John 15:1-11, and particularly verse 10, what does it mean to abide? How can you tell if you're abiding? What will it look like?

Wednesday:

Read John 13:34-35 in light of John 15:1-11. In what way are both Jesus and the world depending on believers to abide?

Thursday:

According to John 15:1-11, if a believer chooses not to abide, what are the consequences? Why does it matter?

Friday:

According to John 15:1-11, if a believer chooses to abide, what are the consequences? Why does it matter?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I realize that apart from you I can do nothing. If I am to experience the fruitfulness and joy that you intend, I must obediently abide in you. Help me to abide. Show me the steps I can take right now. Amen.